

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

**ABSTRACT**

Forest Department - Diversion of 4.00 Ha of forest land in Visakhapatnam Division / District for "Karthikavanam" in favour of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

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**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O Ms. No. 67**

**Dated:09-07-2014.**

**Read the following:-**

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.22802/2006-F1, dt.16-3-2007.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.2423/For.I (1)/2007-1, dt:26-5-2007.
3. From GoI, MoEF, Lr.No.4-APB373/2007-BAN/8011, dt:30-9-2010.
4. State Govt. letter No. 2423/FOR.I (1)/2007, dt.25-4-2014.
5. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.No.4-APB373/2007-BAN/7, dt:21-5-2014.

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**ORDER:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.00 Ha of forest land in Visakhapatnam Division / District for "Karthikavanam" in favour of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, for a period of 20 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Government vide letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.00 Ha of forest land in Visakhapatnam Division / District for "Karthikavanam" in favour of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam, for a period of 20 years, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 4.00 Ha of forest land in Visakhapatnam Division / District for "Karthikavanam" in favour of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 4.00 ha. of identified non-forest land in Sy.No. 152 of Kalavalapalli village of Rambilli Mandal in Visakhapatnam District at the cost of User Agency.
- (iv) Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve Forest / Protected Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
- (v) Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an extent of 8.00 ha. of degraded forest land preferably adjoining to the forest land proposed to be diverted at the cost of User Agency.
- (vi) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- (vii) Necessary clearance for the project under CRZ Notification, 1991 shall be obtained.
- (viii) Transfer of lease is not permissible, however the role of the Developer i.e., MAG LEISURES can be incorporated in the Detailed Project Report.
- (ix) The User Agency, VUDA shall prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) keeping in mind the Eco-Tourism and environmental aspects. Provision be made for Nature Conservation awareness generation / education for the tourists, use of renewable energy as much as possible and solid waste management. The activities shall be undertaken as per the DPR.
- (x) The area upto 200 meters from the HTL shall be maintained as no developments on as per CRZ Notification. A strip plantation of 10 meter width of appropriate species all along the boundary shall be maintained. In the remaining area the total area of construction shall be restricted to 1 ha., either in one location or spread over without disturbing the existing trees. Wherever possible, trees may be planted in the proposed area. No permanent structure shall be allowed to be constructed under the proposal in the forest area. Only temporary structures like tents / huts / collapsible structures (collapsible structures means such structures which can be dismantled and shifted from one place to another). Local architecture should be preferred. Cement / masonry work shall not be allowed above plinth level except toilets.
- (xi) The User Agency, VUDA shall deposit 5% of the revenue generated from the project in CAMPA which shall be used for providing awareness for promoting nature conservation and eco-development in Visakhapatnam Division.
- (xii) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (xiii) Temporary structures will be used only for temporary occupation of tourists / visitors.
- (xiv) There shall be no disposal of plastics / non-biogradable materials inside the proposed project area.

- (xv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.00 ha.
- (xvii) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is therefore directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)  
S.P. SINGH  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
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8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Saidapet, Chennai – 600015.

The Vice Chairman  
Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam  
The Developer i.e., MAG LEISURES  
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SECTION OFFICER.